

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S725–S756

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3655–3672. **Pages S752–53**

Measures Reported:

S. 442, to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the Administrator of General Services to procure the most life-cycle cost effective and energy efficient lighting products and to issue guidance on the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of those products. (S. Rept. No. 117–80) **Page S752**

Measures Passed:

Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Act: Senate passed S. 3541, to improve health care and services for veterans exposed to toxic substances. **Pages S733–35**

Appointments:

Cyprus, Greece, Israel, and the United State 3+1 Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–81, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Senate Delegation to the Cyprus, Greece, Israel, and the United State 3+1 Interparliamentary Group: Senators Menendez, Gillibrand, and Duckworth. **Page S756**

Further Additional Extending Government Funding Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 17, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6617, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022; and that at 1 p.m., the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed thereon ripen. **Page S756**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 83 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. EX. 58), Celeste Ann Wallander, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S747**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 81 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. EX. 56), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S732**

By 94 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 59), David A. Honey, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. **Pages S747–48**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 93 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 57), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S732**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S756**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—59) **Pages S732, S747–48**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S756.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EPA'S RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's Renewable Fuel Standard program, focusing on challenges and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Cory-Ann Wind, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Portland; and Emily Skor, Growth Energy, Lucian Pugliaresi, Energy Policy Research Foundation, Inc., and LeAnn Johnson Koch, Perkins Coie LLP, all of Washington, D.C.

WESTERN BALKANS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation concluded a hearing to examine the Western Balkans, focusing on supporting peace and prosperity, after receiving testimony from Gabriel Escobar, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State; and Lisa Magno, Deputy Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

U.S.-COLOMBIA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reinvigorating United States-Colombia relations, after receiving testimony from Brian A. Nichols, Assistant Secretary for Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, and Todd D. Robinson, Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, both of the Department of State; Marcela Escobari, Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, United States Agency for International Development; and Daniel A. Restrepo, Center for American Progress, and Celina B. Realuyo, The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2264, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3123, to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, S. 3126, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand

Ronde Community, S. 3273, to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and S. 3381, to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mortgages on Indian land by certain deadlines, after receiving testimony from Kathryn Isom-Clause, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Development for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Delores Pigsley, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, Siletz; Cheryle A. Kennedy, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, Oregon; Reid Milanovich, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Palm Springs, California; and Sharon Vogel, Cheyenne River Housing Authority, Eagle Butte, South Dakota, on behalf of the South Dakota Native Homeownership Coalition.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sherilyn Peace Garnett, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Trina L. Thompson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, who were both introduced by Senator Padilla, Nina Morrison, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, and Paul Monteiro, of Maryland, to be Director, Community Relations Service, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022.

Committee Meetings**WHY CONGRESS NEEDS TO ABOLISH THE DEBT LIMIT**

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Why Congress Needs to Abolish the Debt Limit”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.